

Type of Request: Intent to seek approval to reinstate an information collection for three years.

1. Abstract

The National Survey of College Graduates (NSCG) has been conducted biennially since the 1970s. The 2013 NSCG sample will be selected from the 2011 American Community Survey (ACS), the 2010 NSCG, and the 2010 National Survey of Recent College Graduates (NSRCG).

The purpose of this longitudinal survey is to provide national estimates on the science and engineering workforce and changes in their employment, education, and demographic characteristics. The NSCG is one of the component surveys of the Scientists and Engineers Statistical Data System (SESTAT), which produces national estimates of the size and characteristics of the nation's science and engineering population. The 2013 NSCG will provide necessary input into the SESTAT.

The National Science Foundation Act of 1950, as subsequently amended, includes a statutory charge to “* * * provide a central clearinghouse for the collection, interpretation, and analysis of data on scientific and engineering resources, and to provide a source of information for policy formulation by other agencies of the Federal Government.” The NSCG is designed to comply with these mandates by providing information on the supply and utilization of the nation's scientists and engineers

The NSF uses the information from the NSCG to prepare congressionally mandated reports such as *Women, Minorities and Persons with Disabilities in Science and Engineering and Science and Engineering Indicators*. A public release file of collected data, designed to protect respondent confidentiality, will be made available to researchers on the Internet.

The U.S. Census Bureau, as in the past, will conduct the NSCG for NSF. The survey data collection will begin in February 2013 using Web and mail questionnaires. Nonrespondents to the Web or mail questionnaire will be followed up by computer-assisted telephone interviewing. The survey will be collected in conformance with the Confidential Information Protection and Statistical Efficiency Act of 2002, and the individual's response to the survey is voluntary. NSF will ensure that all information collected will be kept strictly confidential and will be used only for statistical purposes.

2. Expected Respondents

A statistical sample of approximately 145,000 will be contacted in 2013. NSF expects the response rate to be 70 to 80 percent.

3. Estimate of Burden

The amount of time to complete the questionnaire may vary depending on an individual's circumstances; however, on average it will take approximately 25 minutes to complete the survey. NSF estimates that the total annual burden will be no more than 48,333 hours during the 2013 survey cycle.

Dated: May 25, 2012.

Suzanne H. Plimpton,
Reports Clearance Officer, National Science Foundation.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Notice of Permit Applications Received Under the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978 (Pub. L. 95-541)

AGENCY: National Science Foundation.

ACTION: Notice of Permit Applications Received under the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978, Public Law 95-541.

SUMMARY: The National Science Foundation (NSF) is required to publish a notice of permit applications received to conduct activities regulated under the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978. NSF has published regulations under the Antarctic Conservation Act at Title 45 Part 670 of the Code of Federal Regulations. This is the required notice of permit applications received.

DATES: Interested parties are invited to submit written data, comments, or views with respect to this permit application by July 2, 2012. This application may be inspected by interested parties at the Permit Office, address below.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be addressed to Permit Office, Room 755, Office of Polar Programs, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, Virginia 22230.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Polly A. Penhale at the above address or (703) 292-7420.

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION: The National Science Foundation, as directed by the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978 (Pub. L. 95-541), as amended by the Antarctic Science, Tourism and Conservation Act of 1996, has developed regulations for the establishment of a permit system for

various activities in Antarctica and designation of certain animals and certain geographic areas requiring special protection. The regulations establish such a permit system to designate Antarctic Specially Protected Areas.

The applications received are as follows:

1. *Applicant:* Gerald Kooyman, 9500 Gilman Drive, La Jolla, CA 92093.

Permit Application: 2013-006.
Activity for Which Permit Is Requested: Take. Once emperor penguins depart the colony after raising their chicks their natural history is nearly unknown. They migrate to some of the most remote regions of the Antarctic. The reason for the migration is thought to be to find fertile foraging areas and a stable platform of sea ice where they can endure their complete feather molt of 35 days before going back to sea. This is the most critical time in the life cycle for adult birds. If they do not feed well before and after the molt, they are at the greatest risk for survival. For a host of reasons it is desirable to know more about this critical time, and one of the overriding incentives is to know how best to conserve this great natural resource of the bird, the food source, and the habitat. Acting as our guide these tagged birds will tell us much about their environment. Taking advantage of the opportunity to go to one of these great molting areas and determine the foraging areas and the travel of the birds on their return to the breeding colonies is the goal. This can only be accomplished remotely using the most advanced technology of the day, and that is satellite transmitters that will provide data about their aquatic behavior and travel positions on a day to day schedule. Body mass measurement is one of the least intrusive, and most direct ways of determining the condition of the animal. They will be weighed just prior to the attachment of the transmitter, and soon after they have completed the molt. A few feathers will also be collected to determine gender by molecular analysis back in the home laboratory. Gender is an important variable related to the life history of any animal, and should be determined whenever possible.

The applicant plans to be onboard the *Nathaniel B. Palmer* cruising the Ross Sea and will temporarily capture up to 30 adult (after their molt) Emperor penguins to attach a satellite transmitter and remove five feathers for gender determination, then release the birds within 20 minutes after capture.

Location: Ross Island vicinity.

Dates: December 1, 2012 to April 30, 2013.

Nadene G. Kennedy,

Permit Officer, Office of Polar Programs.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Proposal Review; Notice of Meetings

In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, as amended), the National Science Foundation (NSF) announces its intent to hold proposal review meetings throughout the year. The purpose of these meetings is to provide advice and recommendations concerning proposals submitted to the NSF for financial support. The agenda for each of these meetings is to review and evaluate proposals as part of the selection process for awards. The review and evaluation may also include assessment of the progress of awarded proposals. The majority of these meetings will take place at NSF, 4201 Wilson, Blvd., Arlington, Virginia 22230.

These meetings will be closed to the public. The proposals being reviewed include information of a proprietary or confidential nature, including technical information; financial data, such as salaries; and personal information concerning individuals associated with the proposals. These matters are exempt under 5 U.S.C. 552b(c), (4) and (6) of the Government in the Sunshine Act. NSF will continue to review the agenda and merits of each meeting for overall compliance of the Federal Advisory Committee Act.

These closed proposal review meetings will not be announced on an individual basis in the **Federal Register**. NSF intends to publish a notice similar to this on a quarterly basis. For an advance listing of the closed proposal review meetings that include the names of the proposal review panel and the time, date, place, and any information on changes, corrections, or cancellations, please visit the NSF Web site: <http://www.nsf.gov>. This information may also be requested by telephoning, 703-292-8182.

Dated: May 29, 2012.

Susanne Bolton,

Committee Management Officer.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. IC-30084]

Notice of Applications for Deregistration Under Section 8(f) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

May 25, 2012.

The following is a notice of applications for deregistration under section 8(f) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 for the month of May 2012. A copy of each application may be obtained via the Commission's Web site by searching for the file number, or for an applicant using the Company name box, at <http://www.sec.gov/search/search.htm> or by calling (202) 551-8090. An order granting each application will be issued unless the SEC orders a hearing. Interested persons may request a hearing on any application by writing to the SEC's Secretary at the address below and serving the relevant applicant with a copy of the request, personally or by mail. Hearing requests should be received by the SEC by 5:30 p.m. on June 19, 2012, and should be accompanied by proof of service on the applicant, in the form of an affidavit or, for lawyers, a certificate of service. Hearing requests should state the nature of the writer's interest, the reason for the request, and the issues contested. Persons who wish to be notified of a hearing may request notification by writing to the Secretary, U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, 100 F Street NE., Washington, DC 20549-1090.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
Diane L. Titus at (202) 551-6810, SEC, Division of Investment Management, Office of Investment Company Regulation, 100 F Street NE., Washington, DC 20549-8010.

First Carolina Investors, Inc.

[File No. 811-8942]

Summary: Applicant, a closed-end investment company, seeks an order declaring that it has ceased to be an investment company. On October 24, 2011, applicant made a liquidating distribution to its shareholders, based on net asset value. The investment company's remaining assets were transferred to a liquidating trust, FCI Liquidating Trust, and shareholders were issued pro rata beneficial interests in FCI Liquidating Trust. Expenses of \$331,615 incurred in connection with the liquidation were paid by applicant and FCI Liquidating Trust, applicant's liquidating trust.

Filing Dates: The application was filed on October 26, 2011, and amended on May 17, 2012.

Applicant's Address: 9347 A Founders St., Fort Mill, SC 29708.

Legg Mason Investors Trust, Inc.

[File No. 811-7692]

Summary: Applicant seeks an order declaring that it has ceased to be an investment company. On April 21, 2010, applicant transferred its assets to Legg Mason Capital Management Value Trust, Inc., based on net asset value. Expenses of \$237,200 incurred in connection with the reorganization were paid by applicant and Legg Mason, Inc.

Filing Dates: The application was filed on November 10, 2011 and amended on May 17, 2012.

Applicant's Address: 100 International Dr., 7th Floor, Baltimore, MD 21202.

DWS Equity Trust

[File No. 811-8599]

Summary: Applicant seeks an order declaring that it has ceased to be an investment company. On December 1, 2011, applicant transferred its assets to DWS Select Alternative Allocation Fund and DWS Disciplined Market Neutral Fund, each a series of DWS Market Trust, based on net asset value. Expenses of \$3,833 incurred in connection with the reorganization were paid by the series of applicant.

Filing Date: The application was filed on May 8, 2012.

Applicant's Address: 345 Park Ave., New York, NY 10154.

Argentina Fund Inc.

[File No. 811-6387]

Summary: Applicant, a closed-end investment company, seeks an order declaring that it has ceased to be an investment company. On December 14, 2001, applicant transferred its assets to Scudder Latin America Fund, a series of Scudder International Fund, Inc. (811-642), based on net asset value. Expenses of approximately \$30,713 incurred in connection with the reorganization were paid by applicant.

Filing Date: The application was filed on May 15, 2012.

Applicant's Address: 345 Park Ave., New York, NY 10154.

Credit Suisse Large Cap Blend Fund, Inc.

[File No. 811-8921]

Summary: Applicant seeks an order declaring that it has ceased to be an investment company. On October 7, 2011, applicant transferred its assets to Aberdeen U.S. Equity I Fund, a series of